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1. MISSION HAS FORWARDED TO AGENCY U.S. COMMENTS ON SUBJECT PAPER AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. ADG FISCHER REMARKED TO ME THAT WHILE HE HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CAREFULLY OUR COMMENTS, HE HAD NOTED OUR SUGGESTION FOR A CONSULTANTS MEETING ON THE SPENT FUEL STORAGE ASPECT OF THE IAEA STUDY. HE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT THE U.K. WAS MAKING AVAILABLE FOR ONE YEAR TO THE AGENCY THE COST-FREE SERVICES OF MR. MICHAEL JAMES SO THAT JAMES CAN WORK ON THE PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT CONCEPT, AND SUGGESTED THAT TO ASSURE EQUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENTION TO TWO HALVES OF STUDY U.S. MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER MAKING AVAILABLE FOR SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR THE COST-FREE SERVICES OF A U.S. EXPERT TO WORK ON THE SPENT FUEL STORAGE CONCEPT.

2. FISCHER SAID THAT U.S. COMMENTS ON SUBJECT PAPER ONLY COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE.

3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT FISCHER SUGGESTION PARA 1 HAS MERIT. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE EXPERT DURING INFCE PERIOD, APPOINTMENT OF U.S. EXPERT TO AGENCY STAFF WOULD HELP NOT ONLY TO ENSURE EQUAL ATTENTION TO SPENT FUEL STORAGE, BUT COULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN INFLUENCING OUTCOME OF PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY. SHOULD IT BE DECIDED THAT APPOINTMENT OF U.S. EXPERT TO WORK WITH AGENCY STAFF NOT POSSIBLE, MISSION WILL ENDEAVOR TO WORK CLOSELY WITH AGENCY STAFF THIS MATTER ON BASIS CLOSE COORDINATION WITH U.S. STAFF WORKING ON THIS SUBJECT. PLEASE ADVISE. KIRK

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